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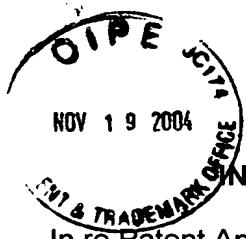
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The following three documents were cited in a Search Report recently issued by the European Patent Office in connection with a corresponding foreign application. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

International Patent Application No. WO 98/39106.

U.S. Patent No. 3,547,463.

U.S. Patent No. 3,912,295.

The fourth document cited in the European Search Report, Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 08-216917, was previously submitted in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 25, 2002.

The following document was cited in an Official Action issued by the Japanese Patent Office. A copy of the Official Action is enclosed.

Japanese Patent Application No. 8-188096. An English language translation of the portion of the Official Action discussing this document is attached to the Official Action.

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The other two documents cited in the Official Action from the Japanese Patent Office, Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 7-145842 and Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 8-216917 were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on January 25, 2002.

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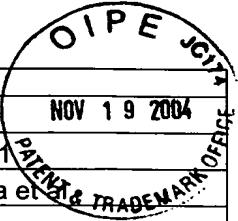
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